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Title:

AROMATIC IMIDE AND AROMATIC METHYLIDYNETRISSULFONYL

COMPOUNDS AND METHOD OF MAKING

AMENDED RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This Response follows the Office Action mailed October 5, 2004. Claims 1 - 8 are pending. Claims 1 - 8 stand restricted under 35 USC § 121 as follows:

- I. Claims 1 – 8, said to be drawn to sulfonylimines, classified in Class 564, subclass 82+;
- Claims 1 and 2 8, said to be drawn to sulfonylmethanes, classified in Class 568, II. subclass 34+:

In addition, the Examiner requires election of a single disclosed species for examination purposes.

Election

In response, Applicants elect Group I without traverse and elect the species described in Example 1 of the present specification.

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Conclusion

Applicants have elected Group I and elect a species which is the species described in Example 1 of the present specification additionally bearing a sulfonic acid group on one of the aromatic rings. Continued prosecution of this application is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the indicated telephone number with questions that can be resolved with a simple teleconference.

Respectfully submitted,

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